

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Primary Data Gathered

The Crockett County Health Council was determined to gather as much information as possible from the residents of Crockett County. The council felt that community input was the most valuable component to completing a thorough assessment. Three different survey instruments were used during the Community Diagnosis Process, and they are listed individually below and include a brief explanation of their purpose and distribution.

1. Crockett Co. Community Survey:

This survey was taken from the Community Diagnosis Manual in an effort to determine the citizens' perceptions of the community's needs. With the assistance of council members and the local health department, the surveys were distributed to an appropriate representation of the community. A total of 144 surveys were returned. In addition, The Nursing Department of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, translated the survey into Spanish and distributed it within the Hispanic community of Crockett County. Hispanic residents completed a total of 17 surveys.

2. Crockett County Provider Survey:

The council created this survey in an attempt to obtain information from the primary care physicians and practitioners providing services in Crockett County. The five primary care physicians, three mid-level practitioners, and the local health department were asked to complete a one-page survey by which they identified health problems frequently seen and asked to offer suggestions on improving health care delivery.

3. Behavioral Risk Factor Survey:

This survey was a random telephone survey conducted by the University of Tennessee. Approximately 200 Crockett County residents were surveyed. A majority of the questions pertained to the respondents' lifestyle and health behaviors, as well as their perception of the community and specific health concerns. It was reported that it took approximately 45 minutes to administer and the surveyors had a difficult time obtaining some of the information.